Allegheny

National Fish Hatchery Fact Sheet

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Purpose

The purpose of the Allegheny National Fish Hatchery is to participate in efforts to restore self-sustaining fisheries to the Great Lakes and produce native brook trout for area recreational fisheries.

Public Use Notes

- Hatchery tours
- Adopt-a-trout program
- Fishing access to Kinzua Dam tailwaters
- Annual open house and kid's fishing event

Management Activities

 Working with other government agencies to maintain broodstocks for stocking, mark stocked fish, assess stocked and natural populations of fish and update recovery plans

Highlights

The hatchery is one of ten national broodstock hatcheries in the nation. It presently holds Seneca Lake and Lake Superior strains of trout broodstock, which annually produce 2.5 milllion eggs. These eggs produce 620,000 yearling trout for release in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The remaining fish are either shipped to other federal hatcheries in the upper basin or stocked as fry in Lake Erie.

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, this facility raises 100,000 native brook trout for stocking in nearby waters.



Issues

- Maintaining a diverse lake trout broodstock.
- Restoring lake trout to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.
- In a cooperative effort with the state of Pennsylvania, raising native brook trout for recreational fisheries.

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